

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 41, 44, and 60-80 are pending in this application.

Claims 41, 44, 60-76, 79, and 80 are allowed.

Claims 77 and 78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida (U.S. Patent No. 5,016,093).

With this Amendment, claim 77 is amended.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 77 and 78 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Yoshida fails to disclose all aspects of these claims.

For example, Yoshida fails to disclose:

“... an image processing apparatus having a carriage on which an image reading device for reading an image of original is detachably mounted or a print head unit for forming an image on a printing medium is detachably mounted in stead of the image reading device ...”

as stated by each of claims 77 and 78.

Moreover, Applicants, considering claims 77 and 78 in view of allowed claim 41, respectfully submit that these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 41 is allowable.

In view of the at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 77 and 78 are in condition for allowance.

III. Amendment of Claim 77

With this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 77 to correct a typographic error.

No new matter has been added.

IV. Information Disclosure Statement

With the response filed February 18, 2004, Applicants included an Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide indication that the Information Disclosure Statement has been considered.

V. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

VI. Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4393US1. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any

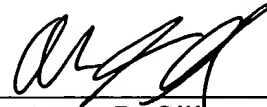
overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

Respectfully submitted,

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